GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1086
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DAMAGE TO ECOLOGY BY MNCs
KANTI SINGH;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards Hon`ble Supreme Court`s observations that the Multi National Companies (MNCs) should be made to pay for the damage caused by them to India`s ecology while promoting their business by painting advertisements on rocks in Rohtang-Manali pass area; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Union Government for recovery of penalty and restoration of these rocks?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): The Supreme Court in its interim order dated: 26-9-2002 in Interlocutory Application No.780 of 2002 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202 of 1995 has directed payment of Rs.1.00 Crore by the advertisers including Multi National Companies (MNCs) who had put up advertisements on rocks in Kullu-Manali-Rohtang region, for restoration of the area. The Central Empowered Committee (CEC) has been given the responsibility of over-seeing the repairing work of the damage done.